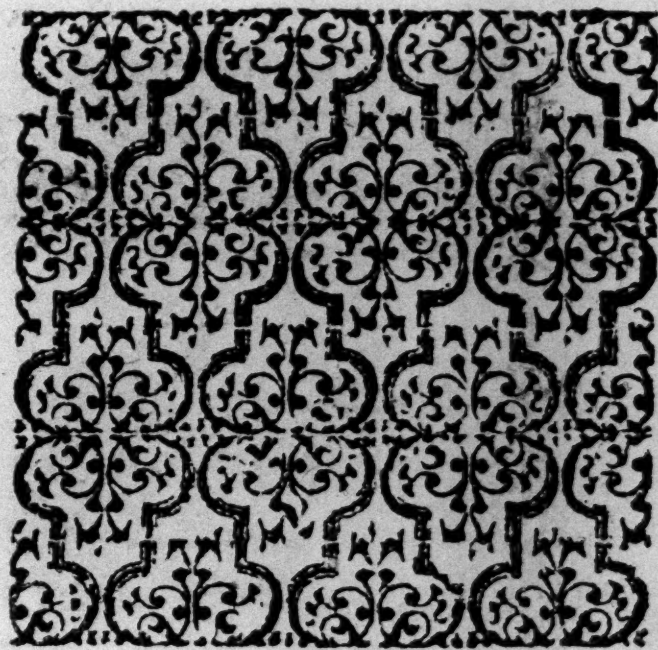



THE

Deposition of Don Diego Piementellj,
cheefe Maister of one Regiment of the
Campe of the King of *Spayne*, as hee deposed before,
and in the presence of the chiefest Lords
of the Counsaile of the *Haghe*
in Holland.

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The examination and deposition
of Don Diego Piementellj, cheefe maister of the
Regiment or Tertio of *Sicile* belonging vnto
the *Spanish* fleete.

(. . .)



ON Diego de Piementel, borne in *Valle d' Oliua*, saith: that he is the Marquis of *Taneras* Brother: and Cosine vnto the Earle of *Benaunts*, of his Mothers side, and Nephew vnto the Earle of *Calna*, which at this present is Vice Roy of *Sicile*. That his Brother the Marquis, is married with the Ladie *Iohanna* of *Toledo*, Sister vnto Don Pedro de *Toledo*, Marquis of *Villafranca*, and Duke of *Ferdinandina*. That his Father was of the Chamber of Don Charles, Prince of *Spayne*.

Saith that he is a Knight of the order of *Saint Iames*, and that it is about a yeere agoe, that the King did giue vnto him the *Crusado*, whereby hee hoped that the King shoulde giue him the benefite of a *Commanderie* of foure thousande *Duckets* a yeere.

Saith, that hee hath bene Commissioner generall of the *Cauallerie* of *Sicile*, and Captaine of threescore *Launces*, and that the benefites and profit which hee reapeth therof, amounteth vnto two hundred *Duckets* a month.

Saith, that he was *Gouernour* of the said Regiment, about the time of two yeeres, and that he hath had in this *Fleete*, fifteene companies of that Regiment, and seauenteene of another. And that the saide Regiment, was of three thousand and foure hundred men. And that in his Shippe there were three companies, to wit, his owne, the companie of the Captaine *Martine Daualos*, and the companie of the Captaine *Marques*, amounting together vnto two hundred and threescore men.

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Saith, that in his Shippe were threescore Mariners,
and foureteene Gunners.

That the Pilot was a Portingall, and a man of no skill.

That there were in his Shippe three English Gentlemen, the one named William Browne, the other Nicholas Raphaell, but the name of the third he knoweth not.

That the foresaid Browne was married in *Spayne*.

That there were in his Shippe, yet two other Spanish Gentlemen, the one called Don Lewes Vanogas, the other Don Rodrigo Veniero, and bothe were of the order of Saint Iames, and that the one had five thousand, and the other one thousand and five hundred Duckets yeere, he incomming.

Saith, he had sent them to the Duke of *Medina Sido-*
nia for helpe, but that they were not yet come againe.

That Don Iohn de Velasco, Sonne to the Earle of *Ci-*
ernella, was come with him for his owne pleasure.

That Don Iohn, the bastard Sonne of the Admirall of
Aragone, hath twentie crownes a month of the King.

And that Don Iohan de Toledo, Aluaro Garcia, Go-
uernour of Toledos sonne, had likewise so much.

That the Captaine Alonso de Vergas, is taken pris-
oner with him, and likewise Don Diego de Cordua, ad-
uenturer. And so much had likewise Don Lopes de Pe-
res, and N. Cannirio.

Saith, he had a hundred and thirtie crownes a month,
and that it was about fiftene monethes that he departed
out of *Sicile*.

That the Earle of *Miranda* his Nephew, is Vice Roy
of *Naples*.

That the Earle of *Fuentes*, Captaine generall of Por-
tingall called Don Pedro Henriques, is his Uncle.

That Don Pedro de Toledo, Marquis of *Villafranca*,
Generall of the Gallies of *Naples*, is his Nephew.

That the Duke of *Medina del rio seco*, Admirall of *Ca-*
stille, is his Uncle. So hee is kinderred with the principall
Lords

Lords of *Spayne*.

Saith, that it is about two yeres past, that this *Fleete* did begin, but that it neuer could be knowne whereupon they would goe, but that it was thought that it might bee for *England*.

That they did lye the whole Month of May, in the Riuer of *Lisborne*.

That the *Fleete* was of the number of 145. *Shyppes*, of the which 110. were very great and prepared for warre, and that the other were somewhat lesser, seruing for all kind of men, & prouision, and that among the said *Ships*, there were 4. *Galiasses*, and y in each of them were 300. *Souldicurs*, and vpon the principall of them 400.

That there were eleuen *Galions* of *Portingall*.

That hee himselte came in one of these *Galions*, the which was not the greatest but of the strongest.

That there were 19. *Galions* of *Andalofie*, of the which was Captaine general Don Diego flores de Valdes, and that these *Galions* were of the garde of the fleet of *India*.

That there was yet a great *Galion*, belonging to the Duke of *Florence*, wherupon were 600. *Portingalles*.

That there were 20. *Ships* of *Leuant*, to wit, *Venetians*, *Aragonians*, & *Catalonians*, where ouer was Generall Don Pedro de Valdes, with one other, which he knoweth not.

That the Squadron of the Generall Michaell de Oquendo a *Biscaine*, was of 12. *Shippes*.

That the Admirall Iohn Martins de Ricaldo, a *Biscaine* likewise, had vnder him, ten or eleuen *Ships*.

That there were about twentie *Hulkes*, whereuppon Nicholas de Medina did commaund.

Saith, that there were 4. *Gallies*, each of them hauing twentie foure seates, the which were lost in a tempest befoze they came on the Coastes of *England*.

That the Duke of *Medina Sidonia*, was Captaine Generall of the whole *Fleete*, and Iohan Martines de Recalde Admirall thereof.

That euery General did commaund ouer his Squadron, and y^e generally no man els did commaund, but the Duke of *Medina Sidonia*, and y^e Admirall Ricalde befoze named.

Saith, that there were in the flecte, five chiefe Mai-
sters of the Campe, of the which the one is Don Augu-
stin Mexian, Brother to the Marquis De la garde, which
doth commaunde ouer thirtie two companies, and was
imbarked in the Galion called S. Lewes.

The other is Don Francisco de Toledo, brother to the
Carle of Orgas, which was imbarked in the Galion called
S. Phillip, & doth commaund to thirtie two companies.

The thirde is Don Alonso de Luzon, which is in a shipp
of *Venice*, named Valensera, commaunding vnto 32. compa.

The fourth is, Don Nicholas de Isla, which is in the
Shippe of the Admirall Iohan Martine de Ricalde, and
commaundeth vnto thirtie two companies.

Saith, that he himselfe, as the fift that was imbarked,
was in the Galion named S. Matthew.

That these five superiours togeather, had 20000. Sould-
iours, all Spanyards, without anie Strangers amongst
them so farre as he knew.

Saith, that the whole Armie, as wel of Souldiours as
Mariners and others, was 32000. men strong. And that
euery day were made so many portions for euery one.

That there was among the 4000. long Pickes, 4000
Musketters, and that the rest were men of small shotte.

Saith, that there was yet a great prouision of Pickes in
the ships, wherewithall they thought to helpe themselues
in time of neede, making Squadrons therewithall.

That there were in the saide Armie, 2600. great Bra-
sen peeces.

Saith, that the King was able to prepare yet moze
Ships, but knowing the power of the Queene of *England*,
hee thought this to bee strong enough, although they had
bene twentie lesse.

That the whole Armada was prepared at *Lisborne*.

That

That they departed the 29. of May from thence.

That their resolution was, to saile straitly vnto the *Sorlings*, & so from thence without any landing, to ioyne themselves with the Duke of *Parma*, but that through a tempest they were driuen to flee into the *Groyne*, hauing bene betwene *Lisborne* and that place 20. daies by the way.

That they staid in the said Hauen of *Groyne* 28. dayes vntill they were all ioyned togeather againe.

That they straightwaie departed from thence, for so were they commaunded by the King.

Saith, that the saide Armada departing from *Lisborne*, was fully prouided of all necessary prouisions, bothe for their liuings and for warlike matters for sixe monethes.

That at their departing from the *Groyne*, they haue missed no other Ship, but that same wherein all the Medicaments, and Medicines were, that were necessary for them that be sicke and wounded.

Saith, that they did sayle foure or fve daies betweene the *Groyne* and the *Sorlinges*.

Saith, that they sawe the English fleete first vppon a Saturday, and that they seemed to bee about the number of seauenty and fve Shippes, and that they had discovered *Englande* about thre daies befoze.

Saith, that the daie after they had scene the saide English Ships, that the said Shippes came all to meete with them, and altogether did shoote at his Admirall, and that he went with his Ship to helpe the same, but that they passing through shooting all at the said Admirall, did nothing els, but that they killed one Souldiour, and hurte thre or foure, amongst the which, was the Captaine Marques, and likewise killed one of the Haister Gunners of the saide Admirall.

That the said English Ships, came the next day after in the morning, and shot vpon their Armie, and that they were a great number, but they killed but one mā or two.

That their shooting continued about thre houres, with

out the losse of any of their Ships, and that so they departed againe, and did nothing els.

Saith, that the English Armie came y^e third day againe, and shot vpon theirs, & theirs vpon the English, and that with a great fury, and that the two Armies were so neere one another, that they thought there shoulde haue bene a battell. That after they had shot a certaine time very furiously the one against the other, that y^e two Admirals did ioyne so neere together, that they shot the one to the other. So that both the Armies drew neere, euerie one to his Admirall to helpe them, and so ioyned togeather in such a sort, that it seemed to be a great scarmasing, continuing a large houre, and so departed the said Admiralles the one from the other, the Armies departed likewise, euerie one on the side of their Admirall.

Saith, that that same day, notwithstanding that great furie, they lost none of their Ships, but that they did set on fire one of the English ships, but that it was by and by quenched. That the same night they cast their Anckers befoze *Calice*, and that he knewe not whether it was on a Tuesday or on a Wednesday, and that y^e same night about two houres after they had cast their Anckers, they did see eight English ships full of fire and burning, comming and drining towards their flecte, the which as it seemed were tied together with chaines, for they did drine very close and equally togeather. Whereupon their Generall & the whole flecte chopping & cutting of their Cables and Anckers, drew towards the depth of the Sea.

Saith, that they came the next morning againe, and did ancker befoze *Calice*, and that they of *Calice* did come to visite their Generall the Duke of *Medina*, and brought to sell euerie thing for money, as bread, flesh, pasties, fruits, and other necessary things, euerie one for his money to be refreshed therewith.

Saith, that the English Armie, was that day somewhat more separated from them then shee was wont to be, but

but yet thee was alwaies in their sight, & that there were more Ships in it then the ordinarie, for they tolde at one time 23. Ships more, of the which, there were three verie great, and the other were but meane Ships, but hee cannot tell whether they remained there that night or not.

Saith, that the next day, the English fleet came againe to meet with them, and y^e they begun very early to shoote one against another on euery side, y^e which continued more then foure or five houres, and that hee himselfe with his ship, was alwaies one of the next to the English Fleete, wherby the English were so charged, that they at last did sende two of their Admirals, and two of their principall ships, so nere vnto him, that he might haue reached with a Picke from his ship vnto theirs, and that they shot very sore the one to the other (so with Muskets, as with small shots) the space of an houre & more, so that he being departed from the, descended downe into his ship, to visit it, and to view the same if she was in any danger, wherupon, he founde the danger so great, because there was come in so much water already, that the Ship begun to sincke.

Saith, that he then sent his Sergiant Maio^r, towards the ship of the Generall, to aduertise him, y^e his ship was in danger of sincking, desiring him to prouide thereupon, and to send some speedy remedy. And that he incontinently after the said Sergiant was gone, (perceiuing that the water increased very much in his ship) did send two Spanish Gentlemen againe, to y^e saide General, to let him vnderstand yet more earnestly their great neede and danger wherein they were of perishing, and to bee drowned altogether, if remedie did not come.

That the said Sergiant Maio^r, did returne again vnto him, befoze the other two might bee vnto the Generalles Ship, and brought with him, a Boate, to saue his owne person therewithall if he would.

That besides that, the Duke, did send an other Crenell or boate vnto him, to knowe further his desire and neede,

Whereupon he answered, that hee would save all his men, and that therefore his Excellencie should sende and provide wherewithall, or els he would perish and be cast away with them all, saying it was his duetie and right, that he should be the last that should goe and depart out of his Shippe.

Saith moreouer, that then the Generall did sette out a signe or token, wherby he let them vnderstand, that they should come so neere on boorde as they could.

That they came so neere, that they could speake the one vnto the other, but yet that they did remaine that whole day in the selfe same state.

That towards the euening, he seeing his ship did begin to sinck, and to ware so heauie, that with her full saile she was not able to follow y^e Generall, he discharged two pee-ces, therby to certifie his great perill, but hee had no answer therupon, neither did his Sergiant Maio^r, and the other two Gentlemen befoze named, returne vnto him againe, wherby he was that whole night very desolate.

Saith, that he thereupon toke counsaile with his men, to know what they best remedie shoulde bee for to save themselves. Whereupon they concluded altogether to goe backwarde, and to trie if they could get themselves into the Hauen of *Dunkerke*, and so to be helped by the Duke of *Parma*, and to come by him.

That thereupon they went to worke, but that his Mariners and Pilot, could not tell where to direct themselves, because they had neuer bene in those quarters.

Saith, that the next day they saw lande, & they thought it was *Flushing*, because there came many Fisher boates out on euerie side, that they called vnto them, and desired them to come on boorde, but that they would not, but fled awaie from them, whereby hee perceiued that the same land and Sea, was vnder the enemye. That he then was but at fiue sadames water, and that his ship went foure sadames and a halfe deepe.

Saith

Saith, that after this, they met with another boate, the which did come somewhat nērer, of y^e which he required to be brought into any Hauen appertaining vnto the King, and that therupon he departed from him, saying, that the Hauen of *Dunkerke* was right ouer against *Flushing*.

That therupon, they went once againe from lande into the Sea, and that they knew not where they were.

Saith, that the same day towarde the euening, they found another boate, the which did abcorde, and promised them, that if they would rewarde him, hee woulde bring them into *Nieuport*, the which was not far from thence, and did appertaine vnto the King, and that they shoulde get therein a great deale better then into *Dunkerke*.

That the said Fisher went with his boate befoze they^r ship, conducting the same, making a faire demonstration, as though he would haue brought them in a good Hauen.

That hee spake many times with him, shewing him a chaine of two hundred Duckets, promising vnto him that same, and any thing els what he should desire.

That the Fisher said vnto him, that hee would deliuer him into the Hauen, or els he would lose his head.

That he required the Fisherman to come into his ship, but that he refused it, that he therupon did fall in suspiti- on of him, and tooke him to be an enemye, although he did conduct him well.

Saith, that towarde the euening, his shippe remained still, and could goe no further, and that hee was vpon sea- uen fadames, and did cast his Anker, and that the Fisher came to speake with him, saying that he would come the next morning againe to helpe them, but that he wold fish that whole night. That he did anker within their sight, and remained there about threē houres, and afterwarde he went his waies.

That they did looke for him the next morning, but that he did not come.

Saith, that they pulled vp their Anker and hoysed vp
they^r

their sailes for to goe their waies, and that a little after they saw three ships, and by and by two more, sayling towards them straitly, and that the one did set vp a white flag, wherupon he caused another to be set out of his ship, thinking they were friendes, & that they came vnto him in a Boate, willing him to giue himselfe ouer vnto them.

Saith, that he answered therupon, y they should depart, or els that his Muskettiers would shote at them, but y he wold not suffer it, because they were come vnder his flag.

That thereupon the five ships did come neere, and shot all vpon him, whereby they did greatly hurt his ship, and his men, and killed aboue fortie of them.

That he had lost but fiftene men, for all the shottes of the English Fleete.

Saith, that he gaue himselfe ouer for prisoner, vnto the Admiral Ionker Peter vander does, vpon his sword, & that therupon he went into his ship, with all his men without Armes, and y so they were brought where they be nowe.

That during all that time, there had been 50. of his men continually at the pompe, drawing out the water day and night. Saith, that at his departing from the *Groyn*, hee had thirty & eight great brasse peeces in his shippe, of the which he hath cast seauen or eight into the Sea.

That he had yet a great deale of Gunpowder, but that it was spoiled with y water, a great deale of Rice, Pease, salted Porke, Wine, Vinegre, Dyle, and fresh water, whereof the maister Steward, and the Captaine of his ship, could better tell the quantity then hee himselfe.

Saith, that he had no money belonging to the King, but that he had sixe great chests ful of apparell, & linen cloth, seruing for his person, & for a Table of eight persons, that he knew not in which ships the Kings money might be.

Saith, that the King did daily pay for euery portion, or eache man, two Reales, and that they had paid the Soldiours with lesse then halfe a Reall, so that the King loses by euery man, a Reall and more euery day.

That

That befoze he was separated from the fleet, they ha
lost no ships yet, but only y ship of Don Pedro de Valde
the which was lost because it could not folow the others.

That the Admirall of *Oquendo*, was set on fire, and that
they did pierce him thzough, for to sincke him, at the en-
tring of the Channell of *England*.

Saith, that the pzincipall of the *Galiasses*, where ouer
Don Pedro de Moncada was *Gouernour*, did remaine
befoze *Calice*, vpon the sande. That hee doth not knowe
whether the Dukes of *Parma* and of *Medina*, haue had
any aduertisement, the one from the other or not.

That the deliberation of their Armie was, to ioyne
with the Duke of *Parma*, and then to resolute and conclude
with him, on what side they might best aboode, and set
their men on lande in *England*.

That they knew very wel, that there were some ships
of warre befoze *Dunkerke*, for to hinder and to stoppe the
Duke of *Parma* from comming forth,

That their meaning was, to saile no further then *Ca-
lice*, because they knewe very well, that they could not in-
to *Dunkerke*, for to helpe the Duke of *Parma* forth, for o-
therwise they shold not haue departed thence as they did.

Saith, that he knew not, if the King had commaunded,
to land any men in *England*, befoze they shold haue com-
municated, and concluded with the said Duke of *Parma*.
But that he well thought that the Kinges pleasure was
not, that they shold land but ten thousand *Spanyarden*,
without any Artillerie and great peeces, whereby they
throates might be cut incontinent.

Saith, that on land, no man els shold haue commaun-
ded as *Generall*, besides the Duke of *Parma*.

Saith, that they had vnderstanding, that the Duke of
Parma had about 38000. men together, among the which
there were 4000. *Spaniarden*, and 2000. horsemen, so
that if these two Armies might haue ioyned togeather,
that it shold haue bene the greatest number of naturall

Spaniards that euer came out of *Spayne* with any King, or without : and where moze men of great quality were.

Saith, that they could not come to fight with the English fleet, because their ships were light & easie to turne, and could turne about foure or fve times, before they were once, but if that they might haue come together, that they were sure of the victorie, because their Shippes are very high, and the English very lowe, and that one Spanyshe Shipp, was able to spoyle foure or fve English ships, and that their Shippes are one English Elle thicke of Tymber, so that no great bollet coulde goe through, except it had bene shot off very neere.

That of all the yron bollets that were shotte vpon his ship, there were not twentie, that were gone through.

That the vpper part of his ship, was strong enough against a Muskets shot.

Saith that they were determined to iuuade the whole Kingdome of Englande, to keepe the Queenes grace in prison, and to serue her, as a Quene ought to be serued, vntill their King shoulde haue appointed any other waie with her, and that this was but as he did thinke.

Saith, that they were assured (hauing 50000. men on land) to bring that Kingdome very easly vnder their subiection, because that the English nation is vsed to liue verie delicatly, hauing likewise no experience of war, & that therfore they shold easly haue brought them vnder their feete, with their continual trauels & troubles, the which they had not bene able to endure, as their Spanish nation would haue done, the which is vsed to suffer hunger, thirst, hardly to lie, not to sleepe, and yet neuerthelesse, alwaies ready to their worke. That they had vnderstanding, that there were many Catholiques in *England*, but that they made no account of them, because they knewe very well, that the Quene had so prouided therein, that they were not able to stir, neither to come to their helpe, and that likewise the most part of the would haue fought

for their native Countrey.

Being asked, what they had determined to do, if so be that y^e Duke of *Parma* could not come to their helpe, saith: that they neuer thought, (that y^e said Duke, hauing a hundred ships, so great a number of boates and Lighters, and an Armie of about forty thousand men) should not alwaies haue come out at his owne pleasure, and that he thought it very strange, that the said Duke hauing such a power, was not come forth. Or at least, to haue set forth so many of his boates and Musketters, that they might haue kept his enemies so busie, that in the meane time his shippes of warre might haue come forth.

Being asked, if they had no intelligence in anie other place or Hauens of the Lowe Countries, or of their neighbour Townes. Saith, that therof was not once spoken among them and that their intention & deliberation, was neuer otherwise then to land in *Englande*.

Saith, that these two Armies, so to water as to lande, did stand the King euery day in thirty thousand duckets.

Being asked, if there might not be made a good peace betwene *Spayne* and *England*, he sayth no, or very hardly: except it were vpon such condition, that the King might so bridle the Queene of *England*, that she should stirre no more thereafter, and that so it were better (as he thought) to haue a sure peace, then that the King should continuallie keepe such an Armie for to keepe free the passage of the *Indies*, as hee hath prepared nowe, for to subdue and to ouercome the whole Kingdome of *England*.

Asking him, if they deliberation was not, that after that they had beene the Maisters of *Englande*, that then they would haue come to subdue these Countries by force of Armes.

Saith, that therof was not anie remembzing or speaking.

Saith, that the occasions which made the King to undertake these wars, were, that it was not conuenient vnto
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unto the King to suffer and forbear, that one Drake, with two or three rotten Ships, shoulde come alwayes, and at his pleasure, to spoyle the Hauens of *Spayne*, and to robbe the best Townes thereof, and so to hinder the negotiation of the *Indies*. And that he did thinke with lesser charge to subdue and to inuade *England*, then yeelelie to entertaine such an Armie as this to defende himseife of such inuasions, and that if so bee that this Flæte doth not speede at this time vpon *England*, that the King doth intende to sende the same there againe against next Lent.

Being asked if he knew not what the Duke of *Parma* woulde do, now when he did see, that this Armie and his could not ioyne together. Saith, that hee will keepe his men close together in good Garisons, and that he will not be so bolde to separate them in any wise, neither to vnder- take with them any other enterprize: saying he knoweth, that the King is resolved, to continue and to pursue this warre vpon *England*.

FINIS.

Examined in the presence of
my Lordes.

The President Vander Mylen, President of the
Prouinciall Counsell of *Holland*.

D. Barnevelt, Aduocat of *Hollande*.

The Lord of *Villiers*.

And of my Lorde of *Famaes*, Generall of the
Artillerie of the vnited Prouinces.



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